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Application Number	10/601,557
Filing Date	June 24, 2003
First Named Inventor	Masahiro IMADE, et al.
Art Unit	2822
Examiner Name	Tanh Y. Tran
Attorney Docket Number	060188-0612

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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  - iii.  Other 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA
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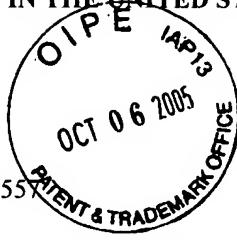
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
 Masahiro IMADE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7765  
 Application No.: 10/601,55X : Group Art Unit: 2822  
 Filed: June 24, 2003 : Examiner: Tanh Y. Tran



For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	19	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal					\$790.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$790.00

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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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